

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bradley Cain	
Application No.: 09/457,209	Group Art Unit: 2431
Filed: 12/08/1999	Examiner: Zia
Title: System Device and Method for Sending Keep-Alive Messages in a Communications Network	Confirmation No.: 7418
Attorney Docket No.: 120-025	

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (37 CFR 1.312)**

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows: